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## HUNTING DISTRICTS IN TEXAS CHANGED

New boundaries of hunting districts in Texas are made by an amendment to the regulations under the migratory-bird treaty act, approved by the President on September 6, according to an announcement of the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. The changes were made to harmonize the Federal regulations and the State law. This amendment has the effect of prescribing an open season on mourning doves from September 1 to December 15, and on waterfowl (except wood ducks and swans), coot, gallinules, and Wilson snipe or jacksnipe from October 16 to January 31 in that portion of Texas lying west and north of a line beginning on the Rio Grande River directly west of the town of Del Rio, Texas; thence east to the town of Del Rio; thence easterly following the center of the main track of the Southern Pacific Railroad through the towns of Spofford, Uvalde, and Hondo; thence to the point where the Southern Pacific Railroad crosses the International & Great Northern Railroad at or near San Antonio; thence following the center of the track of the I. & G. N. R. R. in an easterly direction to the point in the city of Austin where it joins Congress Avenue, near the I. & G. N. R. R. depot; thence across said Congress Avenue to the center of the main track of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad where the track joins Congress Avenue at or near the H. & T. C. R. R. depot; thence following the center line of the track of the H. & T. C. R. R. in an easterly direction through the towns of Elgin, Giddings, and Brenham, to the point where the railroad crosses the Brazos River; thence with the center of Brazos River in a general northerly direction to the point on the river where the Beaumont Branch of the Santa Fe Railway crosses it; thence with the center of the track of the Gulf, Colorado, & Santa Fe Railroad in an easterly direction through the towns of Navasota, Montgomery, and Conroe to the point at or near Cleveland where this railroad crosses the Houston East and West Texas Railroad; thence with the center of the H. E. & W. T. R. R. track to the point where it strikes the Louisiana line.

In that part of Texas lying south and east of the above designated boundary line, the seasons on mourning doves are from November 1 to December 31, and on waterfowl (except wood ducks and swans), coot, gallinules, and Wilson snipe or jacksnipe from November 1 to January 31.

The change in the regulations has been made to provide sportsmen in a portion of eastern Texas an opportunity for mourning-dove shooting, a privilege that was denied them by reason of the conflict between Federal and State district boundaries resulting from recent State legislation.